

Dear Mr. Bowles,

I have been part of the Greenfield initiative to persuade citizens to block the building of a 47 mw biomass plant in our town. I knew nothing about biomass when Matt Wolfe came to town. None of us did. but within 2 months I learned what 60 tons of green, wet wood would do to our atmosphere in just one hour of 24/7 burning, not to mention the 60=80 trucks moving through our community. I watched our zoning board meet every condition for a special permit that Wolfe's business requested. It was estounding to see that our politicians were SELLING OUR ENVIRONMENT !!!!! I have known for about 10 years now that the only way we can pass a liveable planet on to our grandchildren is to seriously - actually breaqth-takingly - reduc4e our carbon emissions, yet these biomass plants will certainly increase our emissions while also eliminating the very forests that help to sequester carbon.

I know that you know all of this. I am glad that you have indicated you will change course and not awarding renewable credits to these projects. I do think that small biomass plants, fueled by truly sustainable foresting, that make electricity and heat for local towns (not for profit to the national grid with no local benefit) do make sense, and would be renewable because much much less wood would be being cut to fuel them.

I have been to the Conway State forest where I used to run programs for 8 days, and the location we were in has been clear cut. Not one tree left standing for as far as the eye can see. This is clear-cutting. It is not a sustainable practice, yet your office touts that we have among the highest regulations for forestry harvesting in the country. well we are clearly being lied to about that, so I hope you will also look into how this happens. You tell us one thing, we see another with our eyes in our own backyards. NO CLEAR CUTTING OF OUR FORESTS!!!

Sincerely,
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